

Dr. Rollin R. Smith Appointed to Board of Education

Jail Escapee Blazes Hot Trail To Forgery-Dope Ring; 8 Nabbed



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The QUEEN REIGNS . . . Lovely Lillian Farmer, Grid Queen at El Camino's homecoming day celebration last Thursday, thrilled the nearly 6000 fans with her charm and beauty as she led the procession of floats around the Alondra Bowl at halftime in the game with East Los Angeles. Her smile was genuine as El Camino was then leading 14-0 and they went on to win the conference championship. (Story on Sports page)—(Herald Photo.)

Board Fills Jackson Post

Dr. Rollin R. Smith, veterinarian, of 1855 1/2 Torrance boulevard, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday evening when that body accepted the resignation of Board Member Al Jackson which was submitted several weeks ago.

Voting unanimously to approve the nomination of the owner of the Harbor Animal Hospital, members of the board indicated that the appointment was made only after a number of prospects had been considered.

The new board member is a past president of the Torrance Lions Club, and in 1948 was deputy district governor of the Lions for Southern California.

Last year he was president of the Torrance Basketball League, and is now on the board of managers of the YMCA and is general chairman of the YMCA fund

Rites For Wife Killed In L.B. Set

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow for Mrs. Grace Bartholomew, 60, of 1324 Acacia avenue, who was struck and killed while crossing a street with her husband in Long Beach Saturday evening.

Released from the Seaside Hospital on Tuesday was William Bartholomew, 60, recently retired Columbia Steel engineer, husband of the deceased.

Rites for the eight-year resident of Torrance will be conducted in the Stone and Myers Chapel at 2 p.m. Friday by Rev. C. J. England of the Torrance First Christian Church.

Entombment will follow in Angelus Abbey Mausoleum.

STRUCK AT CROSSING

According to reports of the Long Beach police, Mrs. Bartholomew was struck while crossing the street when they were hit by an auto said to have been driven by Robert L. Sevilla, 19-year-old part-time laborer in a furniture warehouse. He gave his address at 409 East 17th street, Long Beach.

Mrs. Bartholomew, a member of the Torrance Woman's Club for nearly eight years, died at 7:35 p.m. in the Seaside Hospital, a little over an hour after

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TROUBLE AHEAD . . . Bewhiskered Fred Tilden, who escaped from the Torrance City Jail last Saturday only to be recaptured six hours later, was turned over Tuesday to sheriff's deputies who wanted the 49-year-old ex-Torrance High School youth for investigation of forgery and burglary. With him is George Ansie, also wanted in connection with a flood of bad checks passed in the area. Sgt. Swayne Johnson (right) looks on.—(Herald Photo.)

Marijuana Nabbed In L.B. Raid

A prisoner who escaped from the Torrance City Jail Saturday afternoon set up a man hunt which touched off a chain of arrests of seven men and a 16-year-old bride Tuesday to thus crack a forgery-dope ring operating in this area.

With still more arrests held likely, the chain reaction started with the arrest of two men last Saturday with these developments:

1—Arrested and booked at the Torrance Police Station was George J. Ansie, 21, of 321 Osage avenue, Long Beach, who admitted to a Torrance Herald reporter two weeks ago that he was the driver of the "mystery" car which crashed and burned in Hollywood Riviera on November 12.

2—While being booked at the same time, Fred C. Tilden, 19, 806 Carson street, bolted through an office adjoining the City Jail and escaped through a back door.

3—Three Torrance police officers, Patrolmen Don Hamilton, A. L. Jackson and Gale Whitacre, later recaptured Tilden as he left his trailer home.

4—In a shakedown of the trailer, police found a book of payroll checks they said were stolen from the Marzilli Shellac Company, 16915 South Broadway.

5—Arrested also was Tilden's 16-year-old taffy-haired wife, Shirley, who told police she passed 12 fictitious checks for \$31 each in North Long Beach earlier this week.

6—Sergeant Percy Bennett and two sheriff's deputies, acting on a tip, later arrested two Long Beach mechanics.

7—One of the men, George Sweeney, 21, admitted to police as being the signer of the fictitious checks. Police estimated that at least \$2000 in bad checks had been passed in this area within the past few weeks.

At the time of his arrest, Sweeney had a loaded .32 caliber automatic in his belt, a bundle of marijuana cigarettes in his pocket, and was taking a bet on a horse race. Also arrested and booked on a violation of the Health and Safety Code, specifically possession of marijuana, was Fred Laubi, 26, who admitted to deputies he was a user and buyer of the narcotic.

8—Found in Tilden's possession, according to Sergeants Roland I. Wright and Ralph H.

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New Steel Wage Pact Ready For Signatures

Wage agreements between U. S. Steel and CIO United Steelworkers of America lack only the affixing of signatures to the document, according to word received from Pittsburgh, Penn., yesterday.

Affected by the wage boost are some 155,000 workers including approximately 1200 workers at Columbia Steel Company, Torrance mill, a subsidiary of U. S. Steel Corporation.

According to the eastern dispatch the union and company officials have agreed on a half-cent increase in the difference between the 32 job classifications coerced in the union agreement. This amounts to a 12 1/2-cent-an-hour increase in the lowest paying bracket bringing the new pay for sweepers, janitors and similar jobs to \$1.31. In the highest bracket the new hourly rate, boosted by 28 cents, would be \$2.86.

Union President Phil Murray has summoned the executive board and the opinion was expressed that he would not have called the board to convene unless the agreement was ready for ratification.

Formal signing of the agreement, November 30, is expected today, Thursday.

EDITORS TO FLY TO GUARD CAMP

Jack Baldwin and Reid Bundy, managing editor and city editor, respectively, of the Torrance Herald will fly aboard a U. S. Marine Corps transport to Camp Cooke tomorrow to photograph members of the 578th Combat Engineers of the California National Guard out on a firing demonstration during a special "visitor's day" exhibition.

SENT HOME

City Attorney C. Douglass Smith was sent home Monday from his desk at the City Hall under doctor's care for treatment of a chest irritation, according to Mrs. Smith yesterday afternoon.



DR. ROLLIN R. SMITH

. . . Back to School

campaign for the coming year. In 1947, Dr. Smith was instrumental in obtaining the present stadium and lighting facilities at Torrance High School. He is married and has two sons, Jim, 11, and Bruce, 7.

In another action, the board indicated approval for the recommendation of James C. Cole, of 1836 Sepulveda boulevard, to City Council for appointment to the city's Recreation Commission to succeed Vice-Principal Charles Wallace who resigned. Cole is president of the Kettler Knolls Homeowners Association.

WOUNDED GI TRIES TO REPAY BLOOD Red Cross Bloodmobile to Visit City Tomorrow

A wounded Army veteran of the Korean War, his thumb shot off by a Red patrol, volunteered this week to replace some of the blood he "borrowed" from the American Red Cross.

Offering to "pay back" by donating a pint of blood during the Bloodmobile's appearance at the Civic Auditorium tomorrow was Army Private First Class Eugene B. Moore of 2340 West 230th street.

"I guess if more people could see some of the medics pour plasma and blood into some of my buddies, not by the pint, but by the gallon, a few more would realize the urgent need for more blood in Korea."

URGES DONATIONS

Encouraging people to make appointments today and tomorrow to donate blood to the Red Cross, Moore said he had watched several men take plasma for as long as eight or nine hours. He was a member of the Seventh Cavalry Regiment of the



GIVING IT BACK . . . Pfc. Eugene B. Moore of Torrance, his thumb shot off by Red fighters in Korea, signs with Mrs. Clifford E. Easley, blood recruitment chairman, to repay the American Red Cross for the blood plasma he received when wounded several months ago. Moore and several hundred other Torrance residents have signed to give a pint of blood tomorrow during the visit of the Bloodmobile at the Torrance Civic Auditorium.—(Herald Photo.)

Building Mark Hits 1 1/2 Million

Permits issued last week to two developers for 144 more new homes and 66 garages sent the amount of building permits issued so far this year soaring over the record mark of \$11,500,000, according to the records of Walter C. Bradford, city hall senior clerk.

Permits for 79 homes and 22 garages evaluated at \$519,500 were issued to the Community Airports Inc., developer of the abandoned Bay Cities Airport at Hawthorne and Redondo Beach boulevards.

Amounting to \$510,800 were permits for 65 homes and 34 garages issued to Torrance Gardens, sub-dividers of the new tract at Torrance and Crenshaw boulevards.

These permits added to others issued so far this month brings the November total to \$1,133,040.

With five weeks remaining, already the 1950 permit evaluation is almost 80 per cent greater than the record established in 1948, which amounted to \$7,979,825.

On Busy 101

Safety Conscious Judge Cited for Brush Work

California's Highway Commission is a bit jealous of its exclusive right to paint the state's highways, so Board of Education President John A. Shidler discovered last Friday.

President Shidler, also the presiding judge of the Gardena Justice Court, had heard numerous requests for a warning sign, "Slow, Pedestrian Crossing," to be painted on busy Highway 101 at the school crossing at the entrance to Seaside Ranchos.

STATE HAS REQUEST

A request for the state to paint the crossing went into the commission two years ago.

Last Friday, Shidler and Mrs. Shidler, known on the screen, radio, and stage as Rosemary DeCamp, decided to take some action on the matter before some child was injured at the crossing.

The couple had just finished painting the warning sign when they were spotted by a highway sign-painting crew, the foreman of which promptly gave Judge Shidler a ticket for defacing the street.

COULD BE ROUGH

Said Shidler: "I just hope I don't have to appear in my own

Torrance Chest Drive Hits 41% Of \$19,460 Goal

A total of \$8,033.80 has been raised to date in the Torrance Community Chest campaign, Dean L. Sears, campaign chairman, reported this week. This is 41.28 per cent of the \$19,460 goal.

The Advance Gifts Division, of which Mayor Bob L. Haggard is chairman, is still leading with 11.25 per cent of quota. In second place this week is the Business Division of which Paul Diamond is chairman, with 45.26 per cent of quota. Major commerce and industry is in third place with 43.82 per cent.

Other campaign divisions with their chairmen and percentages of quotas raised to date are: Residential, Mrs. Edward Schwartz, 39.68 per cent; local commerce and industry, Charles H. Ragsdale, 20.0 per cent; and public employees, Willis G. Blount, 18.02 per cent.



TELL IT TO THE JUDGE . . . With this bit of advice, a state highway sign-painting crew cited the "A Friend" who attempted to aid the state by marking off the sign shown above which is located on Pacific Coast Raceway near Seaside Ranchos. The amateur artist was Board of Education President, Judge John A. Shidler. Scanning the handiwork is Herald reporter Reid Bundy. (Herald photo.)

—Herald photo

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